youth provided loans (self employment units sanction and disbursed loans) under the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last three years, *i.e.* 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are as under:

Number of self-employment units (lakh)

Year	Target	Sanctioned loans	Disbursed loans
2002-03	2.20	2.28	1.90
2003-04	2.20	2.63	2.18
2004-05	2.50	2.92*	1.94*

*(Provisional)

PMRY in Uttar Pradesh

†2505. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the target of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have been sanctioned loans by banks during the said period against the target in the State;

(c) whether it is a fact that banks are not co-operating in achieving the targets in the States; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The details of year-wise targets and number of beneficiaries (number of self-employment units) who have been sanctioned and disbursed loans by banks during the last 3 years *i.e.*, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 in Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) are as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Number of self-employment units (lakh)			
Year	Target	Sanctioned loans	Disbursed loans
2002-03	25450	43825	38016
2003-04	22950	44842	40481
2004-05	26000	45402*	36856*

*(Provisional)

(c) and (d) Do not arise as the performance has exceeded the targets, both in terms of self-employment units sanctioned and disbursed loans under the Scheme, in Uttar Pradesh.

Schemes for development of ARIs

2506. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes are being implemented by Government for the development of Agro and Rural Industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made as a result of implementation of those schemes, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that India still lags behind in "Agricultural Mechanization"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has been implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), a credit-linked subsidy programme, through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC), throughout the country to assist eligible applicants in setting up labour-intensive industries in the rural areas and small towns with population up to 20,000 and thus generate additional employment. Under this programme, entrepreneurs, including unemployed youth, can establish village industries, including agro and rural industries, by availing of margin money assistance from the KVIC and loans from any public sector scheduled commercial bank, for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakh.